



## **Hussein Regime Flouts Geneva Conventions and Law of War**

- ***Humiliation and Abuse of Prisoners of War***

**“The [International Committee of the Red Cross] draws attention to the relevant passage of Article 13 of the Third Geneva Convention: ‘...prisoners of war must at all times be protected, particularly against acts of violence or intimidation and against insults and public curiosity.’ ”** (<http://www.icrc.org>)

**Al-Jazirah Satellite Channel Television in Arabic (3/23/03) (FBIS Translated Text):** [Al Jazirah anchorman]: “We will now show you footage that has just been sent to us *by Iraqi television* showing ... [five U.S. soldiers] taken prisoner in the wake of a battle with the Iraqi forces...”

**Associated Press, *Iraqi TV Shows Men Said Downed in Copter*, (3/24/03):** “*Iraqi television Monday showed* two American airmen said to have been the crew of an Apache helicopter forced down during heavy fighting the night before in central Iraq.” [www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A20029-2003Mar24.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A20029-2003Mar24.html)

- ***Saddam’s Soldiers Carrying Surrender Flags or Disguised as Civilians***

**Armed Forces Information Service (3/24/03):** [Victoria Clarke, Pentagon:] “[Iraq is] sending forces out carrying white surrender flags or dressing them as liberated civilians to draw coalition forces into ambushes. ... Both of these actions are among the most serious violations of the laws of war.” These actions – called “perfidy or treachery” by law – are strictly prohibited because of the effect they have on attacking troops. Those troops would be loath to accept surrenders from troops who engage in such acts. ... [Disguising] soldiers as civilians mean that occupying troops cannot protect civilians. “Such acts involve the enemy willfully violating the laws of war, while simultaneously taking advantage of the coalitions’ compliance to the laws of war.” [www.defenselink.mil/news/Mar2003/n03242003\\_200303245.html](http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Mar2003/n03242003_200303245.html)

- ***Use of Human Shields***

**Skynews (Britain) (3/25/03):** “Iraqi paramilitaries are using civilians as human shields, Sky News has learned. Militiamen facing besieging British troops outside Basra are forcing locals to march in front of them as they fire on soldiers, UK forces claim.” (<http://www.sky.com/skynews>)

- ***Hussein Regime Has Not Permitted Red Cross Access to U.S. POWs***

“I do not yet know the result of our approaches in Baghdad as far as access to U.S. prisoners of war are concerned,” .... [but] Iraq’s defence minister has confirmed that for Iraq the provisions of the Third Geneva Convention are applicable.” **ICRC President Jakob Kellenberger, AFP (3/24/03)**